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1. On 5 October 1952, 3 x 76.2-mm AT guns towed by trucks [redacted] left the Weisse Stadt settlement on Berliner Strasse, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 77). On 6 October, the settlement was only lightly occupied. Five to 6 trucks were in the quartering area. No AT guns were noticed. Individual air force soldiers were seen. *

2. On 8 October, the castle at August Bebel Platz in Oranienburg was vacant. Trucks [redacted] carrying an advance detail and four additional trucks carrying billeting equipment arrived at the SS Kaserne at Gaggenau and in the concentration camp on 5 October. *

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3. On 22 September, about 100 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and numerous trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the Kremmen (N 53/Z 57) railroad station. About 100 more tanks and numerous trucks [redacted] were unloaded on 30 September. On 3 and 4 October, 100 tanks [redacted] and numerous trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were unloaded. All the units moved to the Kremmen forest, south of Giese Zieten [redacted] emergency quarters were under construction. **

4. Trains seen at the Oranienburg freight station during the period from 3 to 7 October included:

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3 October. A train consisting of 10 boxcars, including 6 carrying troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 20 trucks, arrived at 10:51 p.m. from Vogelsang, and left at 11:15 p.m. toward Kremmen.

A train consisting of 7 boxcars, including 5 carrying troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 18 T-34 tanks and 6 trucks, arrived at 11:20 p.m. from Vogelsang, and left at 11:40 p.m. in the direction of Kremmen.

4 October. A train consisting of 5 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 22 T-34 tanks and 4 trucks, arrived at 2:21 a.m. from Vogelsang and left at 2:45 a.m. in the direction of Kremmen.

A train consisting of 4 boxcars carrying troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 45 T-34 tanks [redacted] and 4 trucks, arrived at 4:55 p.m. from Neustrelitz and left in the direction of Mustermark.

A train consisting of 3 boxcars carrying troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and 10 flatcars loaded with 20 light armored reconnaissance cars, arrived at 5:50 p.m. from Mustermark and left at 5:56 p.m. for Neustrelitz.

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A train consisting of 10 boxcars carrying troops who wore epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying trucks, arrived at 11 p.m. from the direction of Loewenberg p.m. for Buschow.

5 October. A train consisting of 4 boxcars carrying troops black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars 10 and 3 trucks, arrived at 12:31 a.m. from Loewenberg and 1 the direction of Kremmen.

A train consisting of 5 boxcars carrying troops who were epaulets, and 30 flatcars loaded with materiel including [redacted] and 12 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] arrived at 7:15 a.m. from Vogelsang, and left at 10:15 a.m. for Kremmen.

A train consisting of 2 boxcars occupied by troops who wore epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with AT guns and 16 trucks, arrived at 5:15 p.m. from Vogelsang and left at 7:15 a.m. for Jueterbog.

7 October. A train carrying 52 new [redacted] trucks [redacted] arrived at 11:20 a.m. from Frankfurt/Oder and left at 11:35 a.m. for Cottbusstadt. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. Contrary to a previous assumption, the "Eisese Stadt" area was apparently still occupied by a rear detail of the 2d Light Artillery Br until 5 October 1952. However, the unit possibly went to Neubrandenburg time.

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** [redacted] Comment. Only the last portion [redacted] on the entrainment of elements of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army, which, during the period from 1 to about 10 October, participated in field exercises south and southeast of Rathenow is believed credible. [redacted] The unloading in Kremmen of troops of the 1st Lecz Div on 22 September is unlikely as field exerciser of the Second Gds Lecz Army took place in the area north of Rathenow now during the period from 16 to 18 September, and as units of the 1st Lecz Div returned from these field exercise to Doeberitz on 19 and 20 September.

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[redacted] The same applies to the unloading of tank units of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army on 30 September. The elements of the army which had practiced south of Rathenow had moved directly to their posts by 29 September.

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